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SUBJ: CEOSL'S CHAVEZ REVERSES UNITY POLICY

REF: A) QUITO 3755 B) QUITO A-56 C) QUITO 3892

1. POLABOFF LEARNED JULY 8 FROM AIFLD COUNTYR PROGRAM DIRECTOR AUGUSTIN TORRES THAT CEOSL (ECUADOREAN CONFEDERATION OF FREE LABOR ORGANIZATIONS) SEC GEN JOSE CHAVEZ ATTENDED AN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING OF THIS ORGANIZATION IN GUAYAQUIL JULY 6 IN WHICH HE ANNOUNCED THAT HE WAS CANCELLING ALL FUTURE JOINT ACTIVITIES BETWEEN CEOSL AND THE OTHER TWO LABOR CONFEDERATIONS, THE CTE AND THE CEDOC.

2. THIS ACTION, IF ACUTALLY CARRIED OUT, WOULD REVERSE A POLICY OF JOINT RESOLUTIONS AND JOINT ACTIONS BY THE THREE ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAD BEEN INCREASING DURING THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS. ACCORDING TO THE AIFLD SOURCE (FETLIG'S JULIO CHANG) CHAVEZ, WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY STRONGLY SUPPORTED THE "UNITY MOVEMENT" SAID DURING THE JULY 6 MEETING THAT CEOSL HAD GAINED NOTHING FROM JOINT ACTION WITH THE OTHER GROUPS. HIS TURNABOUT FOLLOWS INCREASINGLY STRONG PRESSURE AGAINST HIS UNITY POLICY BY CEOSL'S AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS.

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3. COMMENT: WE HAD PREVIOUSLY REPORTED (SEE REFERENCES) THE POSSIBILITY THAT CHAVEZ WAS ALIGNING HIMSELF WITH THEN MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT COL. RICHELIEU LEVOYER AND HIS POLITICAL AMBITIONS. CHAVEZ WAS ATTENDING THE ILO MEETING IN GENEVA ON JULY 11, WHEN LEVOYER WAS REMOVED FROM HIS MINISTRY. WHETHER CHAVEZ' POLICY TURNABOUT ACTUALLY REFLECTS HIS OWN CONVICTIONS OR IS MERELY AN ATTEMPT TO DEFLECT OPPOSITION UNTIL HE CAN FIND ANOTHER VEHICLE FOR HIS PERSONAL AMBITIONS IS A JUDGMENT THAT WILL HAVE TO AWAIT FUTURE ACTIONS. FOR THE MOMENT, THOUGH, DUE TO STRONG PRESSURE FROM THE CEOSL RANK AND FILE, CHAVEZ WILL HAVE TO BE INCREASINGLY CAREFUL WITH ANY CONTACTS WITH THE LEFT.
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